

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by marked up replacement paragraph(s) as follows.

Please replace paragraph [74] with the following:

--[74] According to one embodiment, the NCC 411a may utilize the Microsoft® Windows operating system. The NCC 411a need not processes process or transmit frame timing messages. The NCC 411a may support changing the format of outbound messages to include new MAC addresses as well as different return channel headers. In addition, NCC 113 tracks return channel gateway address to IP mapping; this information is periodically provided to receivers. NCC 411a may also update and effect BCD configuration files, which can be locally stored and managed, without software restart. NCC 411a can support a large number of transceivers 109 (e.g., at least 100,000 transceivers).--